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Dear Fr. Charles,

Do speak with Brother Patrick at once and give him a copy of this letter saving the original in your files. A copy has been sent to Mrs. Siefner:

Brother Patrick, you have a wonderful mother on earth, besides our Heavenly Mother.

I did apply to you, out of my compassion for you, the money that your wonderful and saintly cousin Nick Murphy gave me for the MAP. I applied it for your vocation to the MAP and how because of this money I invited you to come with me on the pilgrimage to Europe and the Holy Land and with the remaining to pay your daily expenses at the seminary and in the congregation.

If you, Brother Patrick, by the deceiving work of the devil, are unfaithful to your vocation, you will regret it to no end and will want to return at once, realizing your awful mistake. But definitely, if you quit, you will not have any chance of coming back, because you will be a sad repeater and because of the bad example to the brothers in Alamos.

You shouldn't be, dear Brother, lead by emotions and whims of the moment. You are already a grown man, not a little child.

Hear, Brother Patrick, what St. Ignatius told one of the Jesuit brothers that was not corresponding to his vocation, "Whom did you come to serve here in the religious life God or you came to pamper yourself? If you came to serve God I don't see how you are such an awful person to serve God so poorly. But if you came here to pamper your own self, either you change at once and think and act properly or go home and then I will apply to you the sentence of the Holy Scripture, God telling you, "Because I have called you and you have disobeyed me I will mock and laugh at you in the day of your judgement."

Make your decision, Patrick. But believe me that you will be the most unfortunate creature and you will make your good mother most unfortunate the rest of her life and your life if you are unfaithful to the marvelous call of God.

With great regret I have to write this letter to you, but it is my obligation to save the spirit of the MAP and to save your vocation.

I definitely do not wish you to act this childish way any more. The congregation of the MAP is at its beginning and has to be right and holy and not subject to your whimsical ways, Brother Patrick, that will be detrimental for this new congregation.

In the Obedience of the Church
Father Aloysius, your Founder,

In the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



December 4, 1979

Dear Fr. Charles,

This letter to Patrick Siefner was dictated by Fr. Aloysius most spontaneously as he was resting in my home after the Sunday Mass.

Here you can see, Fr. Charles, that this letter is some special inspiration to Fr. Founder to protect and safeguard the M.A.P. and to stop definitely all nonsense among the older elements in your monastery by using in this letter understanding and psychological approach by surrounding Brother Patrick from all sides most admirably.

Father thinks that this letter is necessary and that Mrs. Siefner should read it and keep it too. If forces Brother Siefner to make a definite decision in his vocation because Father is afraid of Brother Patrick's failure in his vocation while in Guadalajara and the possibility that he might have influence on the other two of the older standing in the monastery to quit with him. Fr. says that he will pray very especially that this letter has the proper results not only on Brother Patrick, but on all the brothers to whom Fr. demands that this letter must be read. Father says that they all know him to be kind and understanding, but also it is his duty to be firm. And Fr. sees that this constructive paternal correction will cause definite improvement in every one of your brothers.

I do marvel how this letter came about so very easily as he has been so very sick. Father spent last week in the hospital with "progressive congestive heart failure." He left St. John's Hospital yesterday afternoon and today in the morning he said the Mass and preached at San Conrado. Afterward I brought him to my residence. Fr. began to rest and I came to him with this trouble of Brother Patrick. And Father answered the letter which is enclosed. He also saw the need that Mrs. Siefner should know it because this way Brother Patrick will have no way to escape, since Father doesn't mention any of his faults in particular, but that he is acting as a spoiled child rather than as a grown up man. Also in this way Brother Patrick will not be able to complain to his mother because she will see things the way they are.

I commend to all your prayers Fr.'s health which was in a very precarious state during all of last week. I enjoyed very much your staying in my home and I invite you to come always here and you know it is the home of the M.A.P.

Pray for me because you know that I have lived for the M.A.P. all these nine years and I have selfishly given so much time on its behalf.

Sincerely Yours in the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Kevin Manion